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23 December 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 23 December 1969

The Director was on leave. Acting Director was in the chair.

Godfrey requested guidance on handling the subject of enemy infiltration in Vietnam in the Watch Report. Acting Director recommended that the Watch Report's discussion of infiltration be limited to a general statement which is consistent with the agreed community judgment on the subject. He said that detailed discussion of infiltration should be handled by other Agency publications.

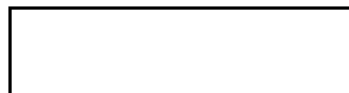
D/ONE reported that Ambassador Thompson had spoken very highly of a new book, Message From Moscow, which he described as the best book on life in Moscow he has read. The book is published under a pseudonym, but Ambassador Thompson could not remember the name of the author or publisher. The author is probably an Englishman who lived in Moscow as a student and later as a journalist.



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Maury noted that, despite yesterday's press report that the CIA retirement bill had been approved by Congress, the Agency has not yet received official confirmation. Confirmation is expected shortly, however.

Acting Director noted press reports that Hanoi issued a eulogy of Stalin. He suggested that Donohue look into what possible implications this might have for the political situation in Hanoi.



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